

OPINION 1268

SIMIA LEUCOPHAEA F. CUVIER, 1807 (MAMMALIA, PRIMATES): SUPPRESSION OF TWO SENIOR SYNONYMS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy:

- (a) *sylvestris* Link, 1795, as published in the binomen *Simia sylvestris*;
- (b) *silvestris* Schreber, [1800], as published in the binomen *Simia silvestris*.

(2) The following specific names, both as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *sylvestris* Link, 1795, as published in the binomen *Simia sylvestris* (Name Number 1128);
- (b) *silvestris* Schreber, [1800], as published in the binomen *Simia silvestris* (Name Number 1129)

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2303

An application for the suppression of two further senior synonyms of *Simia leucophaea* F. Cuvier, 1807 (already protected against four such synonyms in Opinion 935, when it was placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2420) was first received from Mrs P. H. Napier (*British Museum (Natural History), London*) and Dr C. P. Groves (*Australian National University, Canberra*) on 23 March 1979. It was sent to the printer on 1 August 1979 and published on 18 February 1980 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 36, pp. 239–240. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory journals, to seven general and two specialist journals. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 6 July 1983 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1983)5 for or against the proposals set out in pp. 239–240 of vol. 36 of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*. At the close of the voting period on 6 October 1983 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes—eighteen (18) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Schuster, Willink, Mroczkowski, Savage, Hahn,

Trjapitzin, Starobogatov, Bayer, Uéno, Sabrosky, Binder, Ride, Dupuis, Halvorsen, Brinck. Corliss

Negative Votes — none (0).

Late affirmative votes were returned by Alvarado and Cocks. Heppell abstained. Welch was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Bernardi, Cogger, Kraus and Lehtinen.

The following comments were returned with their voting papers by members of the Commission.

Ride: 'No evidence is given of usage of the names it is proposed to suppress. My vote may be counted in the affirmative if the Secretary satisfies himself that there is none. [Mrs Napier searched the literature at my request and assured me that she could find no use of either of the names concerned as a presumably valid name. R.V.M.]

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

silvestris, *Simia*, Schreber, [1800], *Säugethiere*, Abt. 5, legend of plate 8C

sylvestris, *Simia*, Link, 1795, *Beyträge Naturges.* vol. 1 (2), p. 61.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes on V.P.(83)5 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1268.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
7 December 1983